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Re: Updated COVID-19 Protocols

Dear Parents/Guardians of BTPS Students:

The Alberta government confirmed that the province is moving forward with Step 2 of the staged approach to relaxing COVID-19 restrictions on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. As was announced, effective March 1, Step 2 of the staged approach includes:

- Remaining provincial school requirements (including cohorting) will be removed.
- Screening prior to youth activities will no longer be required.
- Capacity limits will be lifted for all venues.
- Limits on social gatherings will be removed.
- The provincial mask mandate will be lifted in most settings.

Alberta Education is updating their COVID-19 guidance documents today, March 1. Please see the updated documents to support with the transition during these steps:

- [Guidance for K-12 schools and school buses](#)
- [2021-22 School Year Plan](#)
- [2021-22 Parent Guide](#)

Continue to stay home when sick. The daily health checklist is [here](#). If someone returns to school after being positive with COVID-19, the masking requirements have not changed. Information about isolation requirements is [available here](#). Additional information related to isolation and masking is available in the [Guidance for K-12 schools and school buses](#). Schools have rapid test kits available.

We will continue some of our safety measures to keep our students and staff safe. For example:

- Our facilities department will clean our air filters twice as often as recommended.
- Custodians will still be cleaning the high touch areas within schools throughout the day.
- Professional learning will continue to be online.
- Visitors will continue to sign in on the BTPS app.

Many of our schools have had classes move to at-home learning in January and February. Our measures are to keep all staff and students safe in our schools and keep our students learning in person. Your school will communicate any additional school information. We know families will have questions and

are eager to start planning for events and activities for the remainder of the school year. We ask for your patience as we take the time to make adjustments to operations in our schools and workplaces. Our focus continues to be on student learning and the well-being of students and staff.

I thank you for supporting our staff and students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Holoien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Rhae-Ann Holoien
Superintendent